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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS RE SECSTATE AT BRAZIL-HOLLAND GAME

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1. TO PUT JULY 12 P. 28 NEW YORK TIMES STORY CONCERNING THE SECRETARY INTO PERSPECTIVE:

A. THERE WERE NO "FRONT PAGE HEADLINES" IN ANY PAPER KNOWN TO US DENOUNCING THE SECRETARY FOR ALLEGEDLY ROOTING FOR THE NETHERLANDS IN BRAZIL-HOLLAND SOCCER MATCH:

B. THE FOLLOWING ITEM APPEARED IN ONE MAJOR RIO PAPER, JORNAL DO BRASIL, JULY 11 ON P.3 OF SECOND SECTION (IN EFFECT P. 29 OF THAT DAY'S PAPER) IN COLUMN BY ZOZIMO WHO IS PAPER'S SOCIAL/GOSSIP COLUMNIST:

THE RUDENESS OF KISSINGER

THE COLD, ALMOST HOSTILE ATTITUDE OF HENRY KISSINGER IN RELATION TO JOAO HAVELANGE DURING THE BRAZIL-HOLLAND GAME DID NOT ESCAPE THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESS WHICH TOOK APPROPRIATE NOTE.

"NOTHING THAT KISSINGER DID AT THAT MOMENT -- HARDLY SPEAKING WITH THE NEW (BRAZILIAN) PRESIDENT OF FIFA (INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL FEDERATION) AND, SITTING AT HIS SIDE, ROOTING OSTENTATIOUSLY AND NOISILY FOR THE DUTCH-- CAN COMPARE IN BAD MANNERS WITH THE REACTION(NOT NOTED BY THE REPORTERS) OF THE NORTH AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE WHEN HE RECEIVED AS A GIFT FROM

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HAVELANGE A BRAZILIAN TEAM SHIRT. WITH AN AIR OF PROFOUND

DISDAIN, KISSINGER ASKED: 'WHAT DO YOU THINK I AM GOING TO DO WITH THIS.'

" KISSINGER MIGHT HAVE REALIZED THAT HE MUST HAVE COMMITTED A GROSS DISCOURTESY SINCE IN THE BRAZIL-POLAND GAME PRESENT IN THE STANDS WITH OUR AMBASSADOR IN BONN EGBERTO DA SILVA MAFRA HE MADE A POINT OF BEING COURTEOUS AND PLEASANT."

C. HUMOR COLUMNIST, HERBERT ZCHECH IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY BRAZIL HERALD JULY 6 HAD FOLLOWING ITEM:
"HENERY KISSINGER'S PRESTIGE EBBED DOWN TO A LOW MARK YESTERDAY IN SEVERAL BRAZILIAN NEWSPAPERS. FRONT-PAGE HEADLINES (SIC) REVEALED HIS BIG MISDEED: WHILE WATCHING IN GERMANY TUESDAY THE INTERNATIONAL SOCCER GAME BRAZIL-HOLLAND, WHICH BRAZIL LOST, HE ROOTED FOR THE DTUCH. SOME PAPERS IN A SHOW OF OBJECTIVITY ADMIT WITH SOME RELUCTANCE THAT HE HAD THE RIGHT, LIKE ANY NON-BRAZILIAN, TO ROOT FOR WHICHEVER TEM HE CHOSE, BUT HE SHOULDN'T HAVE MANIFESTED HIS SYMPATHIES FOR THE DUTCH SO OSTENTATIIOUSLY."

D.FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, ANOTHER GOSSIP COMUNIST (POMONA POLITIS) IN DIARIO DE BRASILIAN COLUMN JULY 4 CLAIMED THAT KISSINGER HAD CHEERED FOR BRAZIL IN GAME AGAINST DUTCH.

2. IN ORDER TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT IN LOW KEY WAY, WE ARE POINTING OUT TO ZOZIMO THAT THE SECRETARY DID NOT CHEER FOR THE DUTCH TEAM, THAT HE MERELY ENJOYED THE GAME, THAT HE WASNOT AWARE OF HAVING BEEN OFFERED A BRAZILIAN TEAM SHIRT AND THAT IF HE HAD, HE WOULD HAVE ACCEPTED IT WITH GREAT PLEASURE. IF ZOZIMO CORRECTS STORY, WE WILL INFORM YOU.
CRIMMINS

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